The Bulletin's Circulation in Norwich is Double That of Any Other Paper, and Its Total Circulation is the Largest in Connecticut in Proportion to the City's Population

FOR FIRST TIME IN CENT

Mystery How Mincs Were Evaded. How the Germans evaded all the mines and patrols remains somewhat

formed the same feat in the compar-atively small space between England and the Scilly Islands, which, however,

was not mined.

The admiralty report announces that such demonstrations are not difficult to accomplish, but the people generally cherish such a great confidence in the protection of the British navy that the inhabitants of the coast towns made no serious preparations to meet a hombardment.

a bombardment.

Except for the working people, the
English are apt to be late risers during the short winter days.

People Were at Breakfast.

rulsers occurred between 8 and

Cruisers Hit and Damaged.

shells from the warships burst among the royal engineers, and Durham light

one of eager waiting after the admir-alty bulletin was issued shortly be-

Rumors of various kinds were spread broadcast from mouth to mouth. The first was that two Ger-man cruisers had been sunk. Many thought that the long expected general

"Our flotillas have at various points en engaged. The situation is de-

The bombardment by the German

o'clock and many people were at breakfast; others were on their way to work or were opening their shops,

was not mined

A Squadron of Swift German Cruisers Crept Through the royal navy is to engage and destroy the enemy's ships and that this purpose will be inflexibly pursued, depurpose will be inflexibly pursued, despurpose will be inflexibly pursued, despurpose will be inflexibly pursued. Fog and Bombarded Three Ports

CASUALTY LIST OF 110---31 KNOWN TO BE DEAD

Men, Women and Children of the Civilian Population Were Struck Without Warning While at Breakfast or at Work-Hartlepool, Whitby and Scarborough, Three Important Towns, Were Shelled-At Hartlepool Three Churches Were Damaged, the Gas Works and Lumber Yards Set Afire-Germans Chose a Foggy Night for the Raid and Escaped in the Mist After an Encounter With Coast Guard Vessels-English People are Angered at Shelling of Unfortified Towns-All Those Killed at the Hartlepools Were Non-Combatants, Women and Children Suffering Equally With the Men-Mystery How German Ships Escaped Mines.

London, Dec. 16, 10.35 p. m .- For the | mist prevailed to reach the English first time in centuries, England has coast, and must have left their base at least two hours before dark and as they started to return about 9 o'clock, they started to return about 9 o'clock, there still remained about siven hours before dark and as they started to reach the English coast, and must have left their base at least two hours before dark and as they started to reach the English coast, and must have left their base at least two hours before dark and as they started to reach the English coast, and must have left their base at least two hours before dark and as they started to reach the English coast, and must have left their base at least two hours before dark and as they started to reach the English coast, and must have left their base at least two hours before dark and as they started to return about 9 o'clock, there still remained about siven hours before dark and as they started to reach the English coast, and must have left their base at least two hours before dark and as they started to reach the English coast, and must have left their base at two hours before dark and as they started to reach the English coast, and must have left their base at two hours before dark and as they started to reach the English coast, and must have left their base at two hours before dark and as they started to reach the English coast, and must have left their base at two hours before dark and as they started to reach the started to reach the left their base at two hours before dark and as they started to reach the started to reach the started to reach the s At daybreak they began the bom-bardment of three important towns— Hartlepool, at the mouth of the Tees; Whitby, 35 miles southward, and Scargh, noted as a pleasure resort, 15 of a mystery, although experts recall beyond.

Hartlepool Suffered Most, Hartispool suffered most. There two battle cruisers and an armored cruiser were engaged, and at this place the greatest loss of life occurred. The British war office fixes the number of dead at Hartispool as seven soldiers and 22 civilians and the wounded at 15 coldiers and 16 civilians.

At Searborough, where a battle At Scarborough, where a battle cruiner and an armored cruiner shelled the town, 12 cascalties are reported, while at Whitby two were killed and two wounded.

People Struck Without Warning. Men, women and children, of the vilian population, were left dead or civilian population, were left dead while at breakfast or at work. In all the easualty list totals 110, according to the official estimates, of whom 31

The booming of heavy guns off the three towns drew hundreds of people to the beaches. They had no thought of a German raid, but when shells artie-came crashing over their heads and Many Structures Damaged. Three churches were damaged, the gas works and lumber yards at Hartle-pool were set afire and the abbey at Whitby was struck. The Balmoral hotel as Scarborough received the full man guns did rapid work the flashest coming incessantly and the shells find-mark among the buildings Many whith was struck. The Balmoral hotel ac Scarborough received the full effects of a shell, and a number of houses and shops were shattered and normally burned in each of the towns.

Scand in a Mist.

among them women and children in their night clothes and not a few sought the railway stations and de-parted on the first trains out. the presence of the Germans was sig-

The guns of the land batteries at Hartlepool replied to the German fire and are reported to have hit and dam-aged some of the cruisers. Several issued by the press bureau, with more complete details from the war office, Official Press Bureau Statement.

The official press bureau late tonight infantry and it was among these troops that the casualties of seven killed and fourteen wounded occurred.

The general belief in London is that he German attack will give impetus to recruiting, as it will show the coun-try what the war means. Today was fore noon saying:

"At 3 a. m. today three enemy ships were sighted off Hartlepool, and at \$15 they commenced a bombardment. These ships appeared to be two battle cruisers and one armored cruiser. The land batteries replied and are reported to have hit and damaged the enemy. "At 3.50 the firing ceased and the enemy steamed away. None of our guns were touched. One shell fell in the Royal Engineers' lines and several in the lines of the Eighteenth service battallon of the Durham Light inpattalion of the Durham Light in-

wounded.
"Some damage was done to the town and the gas works were set on fire. 22 Killed at West Hartlepool.

"During the bombardment, especially in West Hartispool, the people crowded in the streets and approximately 22 were killed and 50 wounded."

"At the service of the street "At the same time a battle cruiser and an armored cruiser appeared off Scarborough and fired about 50 shots, which caused considerable damage, and 18 casualties are reported.

At Whitby Two Were Killed, "At Whitby two battle cruisers fired same shots, doing damage to the build
and the same time a battle cruiser ment. Naval writers express the opinion that six or eight ships were engaged. The Germans have available for such an attack the armored cruisers Bleucher, Roon, Prinz Adalbert, Prinz Heinrich and Prinz Priedrich Karl and more than twenty cruisers of a small-er class.

"At Whitby two battle cruisers fired some shots, doing damage to the buildings, and the following casualties are reported: Two killed, two wounded." "At all three places there was an entire absence of panic and the demeasor of the people was everything that could be desired."

Wave of Anger in England. A wave of intense anger has spread over England because of the attack and bitter denunciation is heard everywhere of a policy which permits the shelling of undefended towns. The fortress at the mouth of the Tees is a consequent to give some undetection to

fortress at the mosth of the Tees is supposed to give some rpotection to the important shipping base of Hartie-pool but Whitby and Scarborough are as open to the enemy as is Atlantic City on the New Jersey coast.

Scarborough, with its old castle on a high hill, the big casino with a high tower, and the row of pretentious hotels on the waterfront, presents a shining mark for target practice. Few visitors were at the hotels, because of the cold weather, but one invalid is known to have been wounded and was taken away on a stratcher. In a direct line the mouth of the Tees is about 350 miles from Helgoland, the important German naval base in the North sea. The British admiralty says the German ships were among their fastest.

HARTLEPOOL BOMBARDED

All the Killed Were Non-Combatants and Children Suffered Equally With the Men.

Hartlepool, England, Dec. 16, via London, 11.30 p. m.—The two towns known as the Hartlepools were subjected to a 25 minutes' bombardment this morning from several German warships estimated to aggregate from two to six, but which could only be dimly seen through the thick fog which enveloped the sea. veloped the sea. Soon after the first German shell fell

soon after the first German shell fell in the town the forts at the mouth of the river replied, and while they aparently did no damage to the raiders, hey succeeded in driving them off. Pieces of shell were found all over fartlepool and West Hartlepool. As the ships were wheeling around and ring broadsides, every section sufferd. The number of persons killed is not yet definitely known, but it is believed to be large. Many more persons were injured than killed, however. All the fatalities were among non-combatants, Women and children suffered equally with the man.

with the men.

The bombardment, coming early in the morning, and without the slightest warning, prevented the people seeking safety and they flocked into the

SCARBOROUGH'S ACCOUNT OF THE BOMBARDMENT

Three Women and a Baby Among the Killed.

Scarborough, England, via London. Dec. 16, 11.80 p. m.—The casualities in Scarborough as a result of the attack by German warships this morning include among the killed John Hall, a prominent alderman; Affred Beale a postman, Mrs. Bennett and two children, Mrs. Merriwether and rMs. Trow, all well known residents of the city: two unidentified women, a housemaid, a young woman named MacIntyre and a haby belonging to a family of the working class.

Town Aroused at 8 a. m. The town was aroused by aring about 8 o'clock. German warships, accompanied by a trawler, had come into the South bay under cover of a mist. They were thought to be British ships by the people along the water front.

Lull in the Firing. There was a lull in the firing at quarter past eight o'clock and then is shooting began again, more sharply. Women and children took the first train from the station.

Church Struck by Two Shells. Organist Musgrove of St. Martin's church save communion was being celebrated by Archdeacon Mackarness when two shells struck the edifice, but that the congregation remained calm. The first shots were directed on the heights, but they folled to be the heights, but they falled to hit their mark. The cruisers then turned their attention to the electric light works

attention to the electric light works and the gas tanks, evidently having accurate plans of the town. They failed, however, to destroy these, although they damaged the building in the vicinity considerably.

Bookkeeper Woods of the electric company and his son both were hit and slightly wounded.

"Both my son and myself," said Mr. Woods, "were standing near a butcher shop in the vicinity of our home when a shot burst overhead. It took off the toof of the butcher shop. I got my wife and boy into our cellar and then gathered together a few belongings in order to get away from the place.

Ships Fired Upon.

Ships Fired Upon. "Soon after the bombardment began the guns on Castle Hill made reply. The Balmoral and Royal hotels ply. The Balmoral and Royal hotels were struck and many houses along the waterfront were riddled."

The bodies of the dead were taken to the mortuary and the wounded to hospitals, this being carried on amid the falling of shells.

At various places in the city it is difficult to force a passage through the streets on account of the debris.

Postman Beale had his head blown off while he was delivering.

GERMAN FLEET DROPPED MINES AS THEY DEPARTED To Prevent Ships from Following in Their Wake.

naval engagement between the British and German fleets was progressing and that the shelling of the coast towns was merely incidental to this.

The admiralty's report issued at 9.30 o'clock tonight, giving the news that the German ships had eluded pursuit and were returning safely to their home waters, caused keen disappointment London, Dec. 17, 4.41 a. m.—A despatch to the Daily Mall from Hartlepool says:
"As the German fleet steamed out
to sea they dropped mines to prevent
any ships from following in their

POSTOFFICE INSPECTORS

UNCOVERS LOTTERY SCHEME Thousands of Dollars Have Drawn from New England by Gen-

Comments by London Times.

The Times, discussing what it ferms indiscriminate shellings of untordided towns, refers to the continuous the German naival expert, that "we must see clearly that in order to fight with success we may see that the proper meaning of that word," and adds:

"The deeds wrought at Whitby and Scarborough represent the proper meaning of that word," and adds:

"We shall not discuss the prescription of international law and all ethics of cleave. The German naival and lattices of collecty. The German navy and the German nation will learn the full significance of the British is as long at the winter night."

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The Times adds that the contents of the horizon will be devoted to study of the principles u

Cabled Paragraphs

London Department Store Owner Dead. London, Dec. 17, 3.45 a. m.—Sir John Barker, the millionaire department store owner, died yesterday. He was 72 years old

THE ROCKEFELLER

EDUCATION BOARD Now Has Funds Aggregating Nearly \$34,000,000.

New York, Dec. 16.—The general education board founded by John D. Rockefeller to promote education within the United States, "without distinction of race, sex or creed," and now equi-ned with funds for that purpose aggregating nearly \$34,000,000, tonight issued a report showing how the funds have been used. The report is the first installment of the first comprehensive report covering the twelve years' activity of the board, which will be issued on Jan. 1.

The total benefactions distributed to the outside institutions through the general education board up to June 30 of this year amounted to \$39,715,720. By direct appropriation the board had devoted \$15,894,555 to universities, colleges, schools, educational conferences, rural organization work and farm demonstration work. Out of funds held by the board "to be applied to such specific objects within the corporate purpose of the board" as might be directed by John D. Rockefeller, Jr., gifts of \$13,554,343 to the University of Chicago and \$10,267,022 to the Rockefeller Institute for Medical Research were made.

Of the direct appropriations, more

made.

Of the direct appropriations, more than \$1,000,000 was devoted to farm demonstration work in the south and New England. For this work in the south \$925,750 was given and more than \$50,000 was appropriated for a like purpose in Maine and New Hampshire. To rural organization work and that of rural school agents more than \$140,000 was given.

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The administration of the funds is in the hands of a board of which Frederick T. Gates is chairman.

COMPARATIVE STRENGTH OF THREE GREAT NAVIES.

In Points England Has 7,768, Germany 3,818, United States 3,562.

Washington, Dec. 15.—Inquiry into the condition and needs of the navy was continued today by the house naval committee with Assistant Secre-tary Franklin D. Roosevelt on the stand. During the hearing Repre-sentative Hobson made public a tele-gram from Colonel Theodore Roosevelt saving he did not think

Are Raiding the Pacific.

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Manila, P. L. Dec. 16.—Forty men of the crew of the German cruiser Emden who were left on Cocos island when the Australian cruiser Sydney discovered the Emden and chosed and forced her to run ashore some time ago. have captured a collier and mounted two Maxins on her and are mounted two Maxins and the British steamer Malacia, which has arrived at Jolo. The report has not been confirmed officially.

The men of the Emden and chosed and forced her to run ashore some time ago. have captured a collier and mounted two Maxins on her and are mounted two Maxins on her plained a table worked months ago by the navy department, according to a well known formula, showing the strength in armored fighting craft of various navies in "points." It placed the three leading powers as follows:

England 7,768, Germany 3,818, United States 3,562. Representative Wither-spoon suggested that these figures might be changed by today's events in the North sea, and Mr. Roosevelt agreed that they might be very mate-rially changed before morning rially changed before morning.

WHITE SLAVE CHARGE AGAINST STATE AUDITOR

Of Illinois Brought by a Divorced Woman Whom He Married in Michi-

Chicago. Decc. 16.—James J. Brady. state relitor, was today accused of having violated the Mann white slave ace. The charge was brought by Mrs. Mary Quilan Kuhns Brady, his Michigan wife, whose suit alleging breach of progress by Brady's having refused to many her in Illinois at the expiration of a year from her divorce is pending.

Mrs. Brady visited Charles F. Clyne, United States district attorney, early today was charged that the state auditor had violated the federal law in transporting her from Detroit to Chicago. She is also said to have told the United States officials of other interstate trips in addition to her wedding journey. Clyne said he would investigate.

Mrs. Brady charges the auditor with having married her in Michigan a few days after she had been divorced from a former husband. The Illinois supreme court has held that remarriages within a year of the divorce are illegal. Brady refused to make her his legal wife in this state. Mrs. Brady charges.

PROMINENT DANBURY MAN COMMITS SUICIDE AT CLUB.

Drained Bottle Filled With Poison Members Found Body in Chair.

Danbury, Corf., Decc. 16.—Wallace
A. White, a well known local real estate operator, committed suicide tonight while alone in the Lion club.
Members of the club later found him
dead in a chair. White had apparently drained the contents of a bottle
filled with poison and then shot himself through the mouth with a revolver No reason is known for the
act.

White was 60 years old and is survived by his widow and three children.

Allies Continue to Claim Successes

AND SMALL PROGRESS MADE IN BELGIUM

GERMANS PUSH RUSSIANS

Vienna Admits That 100,000 Austrians Were Killed or Wounded in Cam paign Against Servia.

The raid of the German cruisers on British coast towns and their escape in the prevailing mist takes precedence in the news from the European war

tinue to claim successes and small progress in Belgium and the east arena the Germans are again pressing the tlussians. Five army corps, aggregating about 200,000 men, are arriving in Warsaw to strengthen the garrison.

Petrograd advices deny that Austria is seeking. is seeking a peace agreement with Russia. France estimates that the war for the six months in 1915 will cost her \$1,185,888,572, or about \$200,000,000

Vienna has admitted officially, ac cording to a despatch from Rome, that 100,000 Austrians were killed or wound-ed in the unsuccessful campaign

The German embassy at Washington has received advices from the German minister to Chile to the effect that in the recent fight between British and German warships off the Falkland Islands the British ships were badly damaged and apparently was sunk.

Basel, Switzerland, reports that the French armies apparently have taken the offense on the front from Belfort to Sainte Marie-Aux-Mines and have converted Thann into a stronghold.

Washington has sent the cruiser Tacoma to Colon to protect the neutrality of the canal zone.

The steamship Aurora left Sydney, New South Wales, with a part of Sir Ernest Shackelton's Antarctic expedition.

The Bethlethem Steel Co., has leased a ten mile stretch of land along the Delaware Bay shore for testing big suns.

Charles B. Reynolds, a lawyer of At lanta, Ga., was shot and killed in a revolver duel in his home. The burglar escaped.

The Port Lobos Petroleum Co., Ltd. against Servia

40 OF EMDEN'S CREW

HAVE CAPTURED COLLIER Mounted Two Maxims on Her and Are Are Raiding the Pacific.

plenty of provisions and also their own armed launched and two boats, ac-cording to the reports where they cap-tured the collier is not stated. The Malacia reports that she steam

DECLARES ONE BRITISH

In the Recent Engagement Off Falkland Islands,

Washington, Decc. 16.—Despatches to the German embassy today from the German minister at Santiago, Chile, announced that the British fleet which sank the cruisers Scharnhorst, Gneisenau and Leipzig off the Falkland Islands recently, was badly damaged and that one of the British ships apparently was sunk.

aged and that one of the British ships apparently was sunk.

A statement issued tonight at the embassy said:

"According to information received by the German embassy from Chile the battle off the Falkland Islands lasted from nine o'clock in the morning until 7 o'clock in the evening.

"On the British side, the Invincible, Inflexible, Canopus, Carnarver, Cornwall, Kent, Glasgow and Bristol werengaged: many German officers and wall, Kent, Glasgow and Bristol were engaged; many German officers and men were saved but lack of boats prevented the number from being larger. The British cruiser Defence did not take part and has been seen aground at Port Stanley.

"Only seven English cruisers left the scene of battle, so that one must have been sunk. The others were badly damaged."

PROTECTION OF BRITISH AND FRENCH CONSUL

At Hodeida, Arabia, to Be Looked Out For By Our Ambassador to Turkey.

Washington, Dec. 16.—Thme United States government has instructed Am-bassador Morgenthau at Constantinobassador Morgenthau at Constantinople to make inquiry about and use his
good offices for the protection of the
British and Franch consuls at Hodeida. Arabia. This action was taken
after the receipt of an official report
of the armed glash at the Italian consulate at Hodeida, where the British
and French consuls took refuge, an
incident that led to the imprisonment
of the Italian consul, his rescue by two
Italian warships and a demand by
Italy for public reparation from the
Porte.

As the care of British and French

Austin L. W. Kittredge

New Haven, Conn., Dec. 16.—Austin L. W. Kittredge, for the last 28 years superintendent of the police signal ser-vice in New Haven, died suddenly of heart disease tonight. He was 54 years

New Britain, Conn., Dec. 16.—Thomas Egan, well known in Hibernian circles throughout the state, died suddenly tonight of heart disease. He was 45

Movements of Steamships.

Piraeiis, Dec. 4—Arrived: Steamer Ioannia, New York, Ocnos, Dec. 13.—Sailed: Steamer Finland, New York, New York, Dec. 16.—Sailed: Steam-

Condensed Telegrams

The Bank of England received 563,-

Roumania has entered the American The Spanish Senate ratified the Lon

The new steel plant of Armstrong Whitworth, of Canada, Lt., was open ed at Longuell.

The conviction of Hanry Siegel, the New York banker, cost the State of New York \$50,000.

Johannes Bernadus Blomer, president of the Dutch Academy of Painters, died in Amsterdam.

More than a thousand Germans are confined at Courtral, near Rotterdam suffering from typhold fever.

Raw rubber has been added to the list of articles prohibited for export from Canada during the war. The New York City budget for 1915 as revised by Mayor Mitchell calls for

an expenditure of \$198,989,786.

The Greek Government purchases ande in the United States since September are estimated at \$10,000,000. Enver Pasha, Turkish Minister of War, refused to take the command of the Turkish troops in the Caucasus.

Seven men were injured in a ben-tol explosion in the Edison moving picture developing plant at Belleville, N. J.

The Port Lobos Petroleum Co., Ltd. with head office at Montreal, was incorporated at Ottawa, with \$30,000,-000 capital. Governor Ferrish, of Michigan, pa-oled Lewis Oliver, sentenced to life imprisonment for stealing a ham, his

Five minstrel dances will be held in Chicago on New Year's Eve, as a counter attraction to the usual reveleries in cafes.

All Belgians were ordered to hand over to the German military authori-ties all the copper, tin and lead in their position.

A fourth Italian dreadnaught, the Conte Cavour, will be completed in February, to be followed soon after by a fifth and sixth. London will have the usual New Year's Eve banquets and celebrations, the Government having agreed to lift the ban for the occasion.

Marten Jcseph Ganrick, of Cape Breton, Nova Scotia, a reservist on his way to France in New York while

hunting a thief with a shotgun. Charles Denby, consul-general at Vienna resigned from the diplomatic service to take charge of the export sales department of an automobile

The French Cabinet will ask Parliament to appropriate \$60,000,000 for relief of the French population in the Departments recently evacuated by the Germans.

After thirty-two years' of service, William S. McGuire, said to be Chica-go's model policeman, and reputed to

A secret indictment was returned at Boston by the grand jury which for more than a week has been investigating the affifairs of the collateral Loan

Governor Hall of Louisiana, has dered an investigation into the ordered an lynchings in Caddo parish, La., where five negroes were hanged within the

Policeman Edmond Lehane, of the New York traffic squad, was killed by a trolley car at Fourth Avenue and Ninth Street, when he turned his back To give the older employes an op-portunity to make a living during the winter, several of the railroads en-tering Toledo, have laid off a number

Mrs. Jennie Stransky of New York was burned to death when her hus-band set her bed on fire, and choking her, held her on the burning mattress

of the author of the same name, who perished in the Titanic disaster, was today appointed a page in the lower branch of the Massachusetts legisla-

Daniel H. Fowls, one of the best known hotel keepers in New England, died at Newburyport, Mass, after a brief illness. He was 58 years of age

and the father of former Repres ative James K. Fowle. The Kings of Sweden, Norway, and Denmark, with ministers of foreign affairs, will meet at Malmo, Sweden, Friday and Saturday, to discuss econ-omic situations in Scandanavia.

Mrs. Marshall, wife of the Vice-President has joined the knitters. She sat in a stage box in the National theater, Washington, at the concert of the Philadelphia Orchestra and knit

The promotion of public health is a higher function than the advancement of education, Governor Waln't told the Massachusetts Homestead Commission and the Local Planning Board in joint conference at the state

Desperate Battle On in Mexico

BETWEEN THE CARRANZA AND VILLA TROOPS

VILLA IS IN COMMAND

5,000, Villa's Slightly More.

El Paso, Texas, Dec. 16.—The first important battle between the Car-ranza and Villa factions of the consti-San Pedro de Las Colonias, a town east of Torreon. Several columns of Carransa troops from Coahulla state, aggregating about 5,000 men, are being engaged by a Villa force of slightly superior numbers.

Reinforcements Rushed to Both Sides. Reinforcements Rushed to Both Sides.

Reinforcements for both sides are being rushed to the scene of conflict. Both sides have ample artillery and the fighting is described as desperate. The Carranza force is commanded by Colonel Itifonzo Vasquez, General Villa is in command of the convention forces. The Carranza advance marks a long threatened movement to take Torreon, railroad center of the interior, and shut off Villa's communication with the north.

Villa Garrisons in North Depleted.

Villa Garrisons in North Depleted. The Villa garrisons in northern Mexico have been depleted greatly by the movement into Mexico City and troops from the national capital probably will be called upon to enter the northern theaire of war.

Small groups of Communications

Small groups of Carranza troops are also moving along the border. It appears that Carranza troops are also moving along the border. It appears that Carranza, from Vera Cruz, has ordered a general movement into the north.

north.

Four hundred men from General Hills' forces in the extreme east of Sonora have set out along the border toward Juares, which is held by a small Villa garrison. Five hundred Carranza troops from Coahulla recently passed below Slerra Blanca, Texas, on their way toward Juares. Situation Further Complicated. The situation has been complicated by the appearance in central Chihuahua of General Jose Ynez Salazar, the former federal leader, who escaped recently from fall at Albuquerque, N. M. It was learned today that more than one million rounds of animunition described to the contract of the

ed for Salazar's small force passed tined for Salazar's the border safely. AMERICAN BATTERY IN POSITION NEAR NACO Faces Front of the Villa Besieging

Force and Hill's Trenches. Naco, Ariz. Dec. 16.-An An battery was placed on the Bisbee road today nearly three miles from Naco, but about two miles from the border in a straight line and directly north of Governor Maytorena's headquasters. This battery faces the front of the Ulla force besieging General Hill's Carranza soldiers in Naco, Sonora. It also faces Hill's east trenches. The guns are trained directly south.

No firing was carried on today by the Mexican factions except an occasional shot from Hill's trenches. battery was pl

SUMMARY EXECUTIONS FOR POLITICAL OFFENSES To Be Ferbidden in Mexico by Presi-

Mexico City, Dec. 15, via El Paso, Texas, Dec. 16.—President Gutlerrer will issue a decree tomorrow forbid-ding any summary executions for po-litical offenses. It is reported that many have occurred during the last week

week.

General Blanco has arrived at the capitol but would make no statement except that he had retired from the army. It is reported he has been slated for the post of secretary of the interior on the Gutlerrez cabinet. Guadalajara, second largest city in Mexico, has been captured by the Villa forces, according to an official report made public here.

BRITISH SUBJECT CHARGED

WITH AIDING CARRANZA for Trial.

Douglas, Aria, Dec. 16.—H. Perry Meaker, a British subject arrested on the charge of alding Carranza arherents to escape from Sonora into Sinaloa, is now on his way to Hermosillo for trial, according to notification received there by J. T. T. Paxton, British consul here.

Maytorena officials imprisoned Meaker at Navajoa. It is said he was

Maytorena officials imprisoned Mes-ker at Navajoa. It is said he was deceived by Mexican ranchers who in-duced him to furnish transportation for them after they learned that a messenger carrying their pledge of loy-alty to Carransa had fallen into the hands of Maytorena's Yaqui Indiana. Paxton made a demand on Governor-Maytorena' today for Meaker's imme-diate release. Fighting at Cima, 30 miles south, between 260 Carranza troops and a like number of Maytorena soldiers, continued today. Agua Prieta officials res

ported heavy losses on both sides 32 SMITH COLLEGE GIRLS

President Assisted Firemen in Guide ing Them Out

Northampton, Mass., Dec. 16.—Predent Marion Leroy Burton of Smith college assisted firemen today in guiding \$2 young women students from a burning boarding house. Much excitement prevalled when the fire was discovered, but there was no panic and no one was injured. Some of the students lest all their belongings.

President Burton had aircady begon the rescue work when the firemen ar-

e rescue work when the firemen arred. He stood near the entrance and
rected the scaping girls, while stunts from the other buildings astted in minimising the excitement
d disorder.